

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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4 **HOWARD HERSHIPS,**

5 Plaintiff,

6 vs.

7 **TANI CANTIL-SAKAUYE, ET AL.,**

8 Defendants.

CASE NO. 17-cv-00473-YGR

**ORDER RE: PLAINTIFF'S LETTER ON
DEFENDANTS' MOTIONS TO DISMISS**

Re: Dkt. No. 44

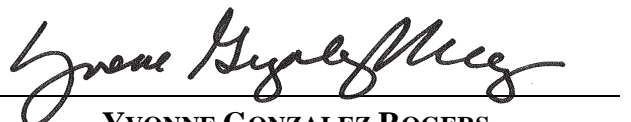
9 On May 3, 2017, plaintiff filed a three-page, single-spaced letter presenting additional
10 argument and authorities in support of his opposition to defendants' motions to dismiss. (Dkt. No.
11 44.) Plaintiff previously filed an opposition to the same on April 11, 2017 (Dkt. No. 32), and
12 defendants filed their replies on April 18, 2017 (Dkt. Nos. 39, 40). On April 24, 2017, the Court
13 vacated the hearing on such motions, indicating that it would issue an order based on the parties'
14 submissions. (Dkt. No. 42.) Plaintiff's filing on May 3, 2017 therefore is in contravention of the
15 Local Rules, which provide thus: "Once a reply is filed, no additional memoranda, papers or
16 letters may be filed without prior Court approval" except in two circumstances not at issue here.
17 Civil L.R. 7-3(d).

18 Ordinarily, plaintiff's filing at Docket Number 44 would be stricken from the record and
19 sanctions potentially would issue. Given the plaintiff's *pro se* status, he is hereby warned that he
20 must still comply with his obligations under the Local Rules of this District and this Court's
21 Standing Orders. Further failures to comply may result in sanctions. Plaintiff should have
22 requested a reasonable continuance to comply with his obligations.

23 Given the substantive nature of the letter, defendants may file a joint brief in response not
24 to exceed six pages by **May 19, 2017**. No other filings on the issues presented will be allowed
25 without Court authorization.

26 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

27 Dated: May 5, 2017



**YVONNE GONZALEZ ROGERS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE**